

Claim #212 Peter Stedham

# Claim No 212.

Under Article 4. Treaty of 14th June, 1866.  
with Creek Indians.

The undersigned, Peter Stedham, aged 40, a Freedman of the Creek Nation, and a Soldier in the 1st Indian Regiment during the War of the Rebellion, deposes and says: Whilst living on his place near the Creek Agency, and sometime in the fall of 1865, he was compelled by the rebels, to fly from and abandon his home, in haste and without any preparation: that he went to Kansas, with other refugees from the Nation, and enlisted in the First Indian Regiment, and served as a soldier until he was regularly discharged, when he returned to the nation, after the war was ended. Deponent further says: At the time of his flight from home, as stated above, he owned and possessed, and necessarily abandoned and lost all the property hereinafter enumerated, and never thereafter recovered the same or any part thereof: to say:

2	Two horses, valued at \$100 each	\$ 200.00
46	Forty six Hogs.    "    "    \$30.-	310.00
Poultry	One hundred Chickens, \$25. 6 Turkeys \$12.	37.00
	Household Kitchen Furniture &c.	140.00
30	Bushels Corn \$30. One Saddle & Bridle \$25.	55.00
	making a total value of	\$ 742.00
	Seven hundred and forty two dollars	



Further this deponent saith not.  
Peter Stedham,

his  
X  
mark

Subscribed & sworn to before me, at the Creek  
Agency. On this 16<sup>th</sup> of November A.D. 1869.

J. P. McEliff  
U.S. Atty. Gen. Asst. Supt. Ind. Affs.  
Oonsuptey.

The undersigned, Pearson Low, and Troy Stedham,  
loyal freedmen of the Creek Nation, being jointly sworn and  
examined, do depose and say: They are not interested in  
the claim of the above Peter Stedham in any pecuniary  
manner whatever; that they have heard the foregoing  
affidavit read to them, and know its contents to be true and  
correct in every particular; and that, of their own knowledge,  
the said claimant, at the time he fled his home, as  
stated by him, did own and possess, and did necessarily  
abandon and lose all the property set forth in his (above)  
deposition.

Further these deponents do not say.

Pearson Low.

Troy Stedham.

his  
X  
mark  
his  
X  
mark

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## Awards

The loss of property specified above is deemed established by the foregoing testimony. Also, the status of claimant. The amount claimed, however, is, in some instances, considered excessive. Upon inquiring, it is found, the values of the different kinds of property at the time the loss occurred, ruled as follows:-

Horses:- \$33.33 - Each.-

Hogs:- 2.00 ..

Chickens:- 12½ ..

Turkeys:- 50 ..

Corn. per bushel. 50 ..

Saddle & Bridle:- 5.00 ..

and for the following one half the claimed value:-

Household & Kitchen furniture &c. \$70.00

In consideration of these, and all other facts attainable bearing upon the case, we believe it just and equitable to award this claimant - Peter Steedman Two hundred and sixty four dol-

-lars, sixteen cents.-

\$264 <sup>16</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

*W. B. Hayes*

Brevet Major General U. S. Army.

Supt. Indian Affairs. Southern Superintendency

*F. A. Field*

Captain U. S. Army.

Creek Agent.